



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dr. Tom W. Kimbrell, Commissioner

May 20, 2014

CONTACT: Kimberly Friedman
PHONE: (501) 683-4788
kimberly.friedman@arkansas.gov

Barnes Named ADE Assistant Commissioner

LITTLE ROCK — Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Dr. Tom Kimbrell is pleased to announce that Annette Barnes has been selected as the assistant commissioner for Public School Accountability.

Barnes will assume her new position July 1. She will replace John Hoy, who was recently appointed as superintendent of the Helena-West Helena School District.

"Ms. Barnes has been instrumental in ensuring Arkansas' compliance with state and federal laws," Kimbrell said. "Her assistance to schools regarding compliance has prepared her for this new role."

As assistant commissioner, Barnes will assist districts with educational standards compliance and desegregation orders. She also will oversee monitoring activities and Elementary and Secondary Education Act Flexibility.

Barnes is currently the coordinator for School Improvement and Standards Assurance, a position she has held since 2005. During her 19 years at ADE, Barnes has coordinated federal, school improvement, standards assurance, accountability and compliance programs, in addition to providing technical assistance to school districts in academic distress.

Prior to working for ADE, Barnes was a counselor and teacher/coach for Hall High School and Southwest Junior High School in the Little Rock School District. She previously served as a counselor/teacher for Rivendell Psychiatric Center for Children and Youth and taught at Arkadelphia High School.

Barnes received a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Central

Arkansas at Conway. She later received a Master of Science in Education with a middle school science certification from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. She received secondary principal administrative certification from UCA.

Barnes previously served as a coach and facilitator for the Arkansas Leadership Academy. She also attended the first Individual Principal's Institute in 1996 and collaborated in various capacities with the Master Principal's Program.

A photo is available at <http://www.arkansased.org/divisions/communications/photo-gallery/album/36>.

Follow us on Twitter [@ArkansasEd](#).

Like us on Facebook at [Arkansas Department of Education](#).

ArkansasEd..org

Arkansas Department of Education | Four Capitol Mall | Little Rock, AR 72201

This email was sent to **kimberly.friedman@arkansas.gov**. To ensure that you continue receiving our emails, please add us to your address book or safe list.

[manage](#) your preferences | [opt out](#) using **TrueRemove®**.

Got this as a forward? [Sign up](#) to receive our future emails.

